

4.18 -- PROHIBITED CONDUCT - School Board Policy

Students and staff require a safe and orderly learning environment that is conducive to high student achievement. Certain student behaviors are unacceptable in such an environment and are hereby prohibited by the Board. Prohibited behaviors include, but shall not be limited to the following:

1. Disrespect for school employees and failing to comply with their reasonable directions or otherwise demonstrating insubordination;
2. Disruptive behavior that interferes with orderly school operations;
3. Willfully and intentionally assaulting or threatening to assault or physically abuse any student or school employee;
4. Possession of any weapon that can reasonably be considered capable of causing bodily harm to another individual;
5. Possession or use of tobacco in any form on any property owned or leased by any public school;
6. Willfully or intentionally damaging, destroying, or stealing school property;
7. Possession and use of a personal electronic device except as authorized by Policy 4.47 or by the student's IEP or 504 plan;
8. Possession, selling, distributing, or being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, any illegal drug, unauthorized inhalants, or the inappropriate use or sharing of prescription or over-the-counter drugs, or other intoxicants, or anything represented to be a drug;
9. Sharing, diverting, transferring, applying to other (such as needles or lancets), or in any way misusing medication or any medical supplies in their possession;
10. Inappropriate public displays of affection;
11. Cheating, copying, or claiming another person's work to be his/her own;
12. Gambling
13. Inappropriate student dress;
14. Use of vulgar, profane, or obscene language or gestures;
15. Truancy;
16. Excessive tardiness;
17. Engaging in behavior designed to taunt, degrade, or ridicule another person based on race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability;
18. Possess, view, distribute, or electronically transmit sexually explicit or vulgar images or representations, whether electronically, on a data storage device, or in hard copy form;
19. Hazing, or aiding in the hazing of another student;
20. Gangs or gang-related activities, including belonging to secret societies of any kind, are forbidden on school property. Gang insignias, clothing, "throwing signs" or other gestures associated with gangs are prohibited;
21. Sex-based harassment;
22. Bullying;
23. Operating a vehicle on school grounds while using a wireless communication device; and
24. Theft of another individual's personal property.

Fighting

Wrestling, hitting, or kicking is considered "fighting," which is not allowed. If a child hits or kicks another child while on school grounds, on buses, or at school-sponsored activities, the child who is hit is instructed to find the teacher on duty or the bus driver and report the incident immediately or as soon as the bus is stopped. Hitting or kicking back blames both children. Therefore, they are equally guilty of fighting. Blind-siding another student during a fight will increase the level of punishment.

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The Board directs each school in the District to develop implementation regulations for prohibited student conduct consistent with applicable Board Policy, State and Federal laws, and judicial decisions.

A.C.A. § 6-18-222 A.C.A. § 6-5-201 A.C.A. § 6-18-514 A.C.A. § 27-51-1602 A.C.A. § 27-51-1603 A.C.A. § 27-51-1609 DESE
Rules Governing Student Discipline and School Safety

Cross-References:

Prohibited Conduct #2—Policy #4.20
Prohibited Conduct #4—Policy # 4.22
Prohibited Conduct #7—Policy #4.47
Prohibited Conduct # 13—Policy #4.25
Prohibited Conduct #15—Policy #4.07
Prohibited Conduct #17---Policy #4.43
Prohibited Conduct #21—Policy #4.27
Prohibited Conduct #23---Policy #4.47
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Prohibited Conduct #3—Policy #4.21, 4.26
Prohibited Conduct #5—Policy #4.23
Prohibited Conduct #8—Policy #4.24
Prohibited Conduct #14---Policy #4.21
Prohibited Conduct #16—Policy #4.09
Prohibited Conduct #20—Policy #4.26
Prohibited Conduct #22---Policy #4.43

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